

Committee on Budget

HB 5511 — Department of Business and Professional Regulation

by Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; and Rep. Hooper (SB 1980 by Budget Committee)

The bill provides for the following:

- Updates statutory references to replace the Department of Health with the Department of Professional Regulation (DBPR) and designates the program as a division.
- Terminates the Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics (DDC) Trust Fund and transfers funding to the department's existing Professional Regulation Trust Fund, and requires the DBPR to establish a separate account within the trust fund for the DDC program.
- Repeals the five percent tax on closed circuit (pay-per-view) boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts events currently assessed by the Boxing Commission within the DBPR.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0